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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR PARA 1 LINE 7 SIXTH WORD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ZA, CG

SUBJ: ZAMBIAN APPRECIATION OF EVENTS IN SHABA

REF: STATE 056060

1. GRZ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS APPARENTLY ARE ADOPTING A WAIT AND SEE APPROACH TO EVENTS IN SHABA. IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH DCM, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS MPENGULA SAID THAT GRZ WAS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN SHABA CLOSELY BUT WAS NOT AT THIS POINT OVERLY CONCERNED. ARMED INCURSIONS HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE SHABA REGION, AND POLITICAL UPSETS AND PERENNIAL TENSIONS WERE THE RULE IN SHABA. ZAMBIA HAS LEARNED TO LIVE WITH THIS ATMOSPHERE ON ITS BORDER. AT THIS POINT GRZ TENDS TO REGARD PRESENT INCURSION AS NOT OVERLY SERIOUS. IF IN FACT KATANGAN GENDARMES HAVE MADE THIS PENETRATION, GRZ BELIEVES THIS IS PART OF THE CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED BEFORE FROM BOTH ZAIRE AND ANGOLA. THE
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FAZ WILL SOON FORCE THEM TO WITHDRAW.

2. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE INCURSION BE SUPPORTED BY OUTSIDE FORCES, THE GRZ WOULD TAKE IT MORE SERIOUSLY. THE GRZ HOLDS AS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE THAT BORDERS INHERITED FROM THE COLONIAL REGIMES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE. OUTSIDE SUPPORT WOULD INDICATE THAT

THE ATTACKERS ARE PART OF A LARGER SCHEME, AND THE
INTENT MIGHT BE TO SNIP OFF A PART OF ZAIRE. GRZ WILL
TAKE NO PUBLIC STAND ON THE INCURSION UNTIL THE SITUATION
IS CLARIFIED.

COMMENT: MPENGULW IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH SHABA PROVINCE,
HAVING SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN LUBUMBASHI. HE MADE
CLEAR IN HIS COMMENTS THAT HZ WAS REFLECTING THE THINKING
OF HIS MINISTRY UP TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY LEVEL.
WHILE THIS MAY BE THE VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROFESSIONALS, IT MAY NOT REFLECT THINKING AT STATE HOUSE
OR IN UNIP CIRCLES. HWE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP TO SEE IF WE
CAN GET A FIX ON THEIR APPRECIATION OF SHABA DEVELOPMENTS.
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